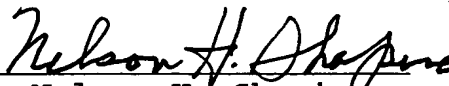


REMARKS

This amendment maintains only original Claim 1 to reduce the filing fee. However, Applicant will present additional claims in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The cancellation of Claims 2-54 is not a disclaimer of their subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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